



Planning & Building Department

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Attn: Builders, Contractors, Sub-Contractors:

Beginning on February 1st 2015 Desoto County will implement the 2012 Edition of the ICC Family of Codes including the IRC (Residential), IBC (Commercial), IMC (Commercial Mechanical), IPC (Commercial Plumbing), IFGC (Commercial Fuel Gas), and the 2011 Edition of the National Electric Code (NEC). Upon receiving confirmation from our County attorney last week that the code revisions had been published in the newspaper three (3) times as required by law I asked my staff to mail a courtesy letter to the builders and contractors as a reminder of this upcoming change. This will put Desoto County on the same year (2012) Codes as all of the other jurisdictions in Desoto County. We expect the transition to go smoothly as there are few changes. If you attended any of the public hearings on this matter you are familiar with these already but if not please feel free to contact the Building Department. Let me add specifically to the electrical contractors that the biggest change will be in your codes. Desoto County will require arc-fault protection to be extended to areas other than bedrooms as is currently required by the 2006 IRC. If you are not familiar with these specific areas please contact us. It is a simple matter to copy and forward this language to you via email or picture text. I will prepare a handout and make available to electricians coming in to pull permits. In closing let me say it continues to be a privilege to work with the builders and contractors of Desoto County. The Building Department Staff remain at your service.

Sincerely,

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